

REMARKS

This response presents missing cancelled claim 2 in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment. Applicants respectfully request entry of the August 27, 2008 Amendment in conjunction with the Request for Continued Examination filed on October 10, 2008. All of the remarks and arguments included with the August 27, 2008 reply are incorporated by reference herein.

Applicants respectfully submit that all issues have been overcome by the recited claims.

CONCLUSION

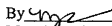
The Examiner is respectfully requested to issue a Notice of Allowance clearly indicating that each of pending claims 1, 3, 5-7, 9, and 11-12 are allowed and patentable under the provisions of Title 35 of the United States Code.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Chad M. Rink (Reg. No. 58,258) at the telephone number below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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